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Judge Trish M. Brown Reappointed to US Bankruptcy Court for Oregon

SAN FRANCISCO – Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit announced today the reappointment of Bankruptcy Judge Trish M. Brown to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon.

Judge Brown, 56, who maintains chambers in Portland, came onto the bankruptcy bench in December 1999. Her reappointment to a second 14-year term will be effective December 2, 2013. She is one of five judges serving the District of Oregon, which reported 16,048 bankruptcy filings in fiscal year 2012.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Brown had engaged in private practice in 1998 as special counsel then became shareholder in 1999 at Farleigh, Wada & Witt, P.C., in Portland, Ore. She worked previously at Lane, Powell, Spears, Lubersky LLP in Portland, Ore., as an associate from 1982 to 1987 then as a partner from 1988 to 1998.

Born in Billings, Montana, Judge Brown received her B.S. from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Wharton School of Business, in 1978 and her J.D. in 1981 from Washington and Lee University, School of Law, where she graduated cum laude.

In 2012, Judge Brown became director of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and has been a member of various committees within NCBJ, including the Technology Committee from 2010 to present and the Finance Committee from 2012 to present. She served on NCBJ's Ethics Committee from 2001 to 2010 and as committee chair from 2006 to 2010.

Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the Ninth Circuit. The court uses a comprehensive merit selection process for the initial appointment and for reappointments. Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year, renewable term, at a salary of \$160,080, and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the Bankruptcy Code.

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